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EX PARTE

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 03-11 - Application by Qwest
Communications International Inc. for Authority to
Provide In-Region InterLATA Services in New
Mexico, Oregon and South Dakota**

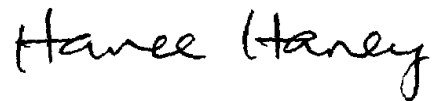
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Qwest Communications International Inc. ("Qwest") submits this filing at the request of Commission staff to provide additional information in response to a concern raised by WorldCom regarding the need to include area codes on "forward to" numbers for conversions.

At a meeting between Qwest and Commission staff on February 13, 2003, Qwest explained that it was in the process of making a system modification that would respond to WorldCom's concern that Qwest requires CLECs to include area codes on existing "forward to" numbers for conversions that include changes to such numbers. During this meeting, Qwest explained that WorldCom could have used any three digit number as the area code. This is because while Qwest's system requires a ten digit "forward to" number, it does not attempt to verify the old "forward to" number when converting an account, but, rather, merely requires that ten digits be provided to accept the order. Nevertheless, because a CR previously had been submitted requesting that Qwest's system no longer requires ten digits on old forward to numbers (and requests to disconnect call forwarding), Qwest recently relaxed the edit to permit CLECs to designate the old "forward to" numbers with seven digits. This addressed WorldCom's concern. Moreover, WorldCom was aware of the approach Qwest was taking because Qwest had been keeping WorldCom informed of its progress in responding to WorldCom's escalation of this CR.

The circumstances of this system edit, which was implemented on February 28, 2002, was described fully in our Reply Comments in this proceeding.¹ The attached notification was sent to the CLEC community on March 3, 2003, confirming the implementation of this system edit. Again, based on our daily meetings with WorldCom, Qwest understands that WorldCom is satisfied with this change.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hamee Haney". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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¹ See Qwest Reply Comments at 34; OSS Reply Declaration at ¶ 20.